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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report (A/50/3) 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/50/1).

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 15th, 16th, 29th, 32nd, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 26 October, 10, 14 and 30 November and on 8 December. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/50/SR.15, 16, 29, 32, 40 and 42). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 3, 4 and 9 to 11 October (see A/C.2/50/SR.3-8).

3. For the consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1995 (A/50/3); 1/

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in two parts (see also A/50/615).

1/ To be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1).

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa (A/50/180-E/1995/63);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the first half of the 1990s (A/50/213-E/1995/87);

(d) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system" (A/50/126-E/1995/20) and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/50/126/Add.1-E/1995/20/Add.1);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Population Award (A/50/132);

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the progress made in the implementation of the global AIDS strategy (A/50/175-E/1995/57);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan (A/50/262-E/1995/59);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on the revision of the general regulations of the World Food Programme and reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (A/50/706);

(i) Letter dated 2 October 1995 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77 adopted on the occasion of the nineteenth annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held at United Nations Headquarters on 29 September 1995 (A/50/518).

4. At the 15th meeting, on 26 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Acting Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization and the Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit (see A/C.2/50/SR.15).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.3

5. By its resolution 1995/46 of 27 July 1995, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Water supply and sanitation" (see A/C.2/50/L.3).

6. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it by inserting a new paragraph as the third preambular paragraph, which read as follows:

> "Recalling further its resolution 47/193 of 22 December 1992, in which it proclaimed 22 March of each year as World Water Day,".

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.3, as orally revised (see para. 26, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.4

8. By its resolution 1995/3 of 13 July 1995, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1997-1998" (see A/C.2/50/L.4).

9. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.4 (see para. 26, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.10 and A/C.2/50/L.42

11. At the 29th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/50/L.10) entitled "Preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa", which read as follows:

> "The General Assembly,
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> "Reaffirming its resolution 49/135 of 19 December 1994,
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> "Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/34 of 29 July 1994 and 1995/63 of 28 July 1995,

"Gravely concerned that malaria causes the death of four million people annually, that hundreds of millions of cases of malaria are reported annually and that infants and children under five years of age are the major victims,

"Alarmed by the loss of human life, the severe degradation of the quality of life and the fact that the social and economic development of developing countries is impeded as a result of malaria, and despite the development of new vaccines,

"Reaffirming the agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council on the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera, 2/

"Acknowledging the importance for countries where malaria is endemic of adopting national plans of action in conformity with the Global Malaria Control Strategy, endorsed by the Ministerial Conference on Malaria held at Amsterdam in 1992 and by the World Health Assembly in 1993, 3/

"1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa; 4/

"2. Reaffirms its endorsement of the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization;

"3. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the World Health Organization and the specialized agencies concerned in assisting the developing countries in their efforts to combat endemic diseases;

"4. Notes with appreciation the continued efforts of the affected countries to control the disease, in spite of their meagre resources, through national plans and projects and urges the affected countries that have not yet done so to adopt national plans to control malaria in conformity with the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization;

"5. Stresses the need for strengthening national capacity-building in the context of primary health care so as to enable developing countries to

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1), chap. III, sect. B.

3/ World Health Organization, A Global Strategy for Malaria Control (Geneva, 1993).

4/ A/50/180-E/1995/63.

meet the objectives of the Global Malaria Control Strategy, with a view to contributing to the development of overall health;

"6. Endorses the strategies and work plans that have been developed as a collaborative process involving relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, with the World Health Organization as task coordinator, to provide optimal support to affected developing countries in order to achieve the goals and objectives pertaining to the prevention and control of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases;

"7. Calls upon the international community, in particular the donor countries, to expand fund-raising channels, to provide adequate financial resources and medical and technical assistance to the affected developing countries to enable them to implement their national work plans and projects, and to intensify basic and applied research on anti-malaria vaccines as a priority;

"8. Encourages the Director-General of the World Health Organization to continue his efforts to mobilize international organizations, multilateral financial institutions, specialized agencies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations as well as other groups to provide the affected developing countries, in particular African countries, with technical, medical and financial resources and assistance commensurate with the need set out in the national plans of those countries to control malaria;

"9. Welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General related to the struggle against malaria in Africa, contained in his 'Initiatives for Africa';

"10. Welcomes with satisfaction the agreement signed between Dr. Manuel Elkin Patarroyo of Colombia and the World Health Organization, in May 1995, by which Dr. Patarroyo donated to the World Health Organization the SPf66 anti-malaria vaccine, which constitutes an example of solidarity and effective South-South cooperation for development, and supports the request of the World Health Organization for the provision of additional resources for malaria research under the United Nations Development Programme/World Bank/World Health Organization Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in order to accomplish its goal of developing an effective vaccine for the control of malaria;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a progress report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the strategies and work plans to be prepared in collaboration with the other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system.

12. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/50/L.42),

submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.10.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.42 (see para. 26, draft resolution III).

14. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.42, draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.13

15. At the 32nd meeting, on 14 November, the representative of Egypt introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/50/L.13) entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan", on behalf of Bangladesh, Cuba, Egypt (in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of November), Indonesia and Malaysia.

16. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.13 by a recorded vote of 91 to 2, with 22 abstentions (see para. 26, draft resolution IV). 5/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago,

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5/ The delegations of Cameroon, Colombia, Honduras, Nigeria, Qatar, Sri Lanka and Yemen subsequently indicated that, had they been present at the time of the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution; the delegation of Hungary subsequently indicated that, had it been present at the time of the voting, it would have abstained on the draft resolution; and the delegation of Mongolia indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Zambia.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Cambodia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Gabon, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Nepal, Panama, Poland, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Uruguay.

18. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Australia and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The observer for Palestine also made a statement (see A/C.2/49/SR.40).

E. Draft decision A/C.2/50/L.37

19. At the 40th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/50/L.37) entitled "United Nations Population Fund: institutional arrangements", submitted on the basis of informal consultations, and informed the Committee that the preambular paragraph would become an operative paragraph by replacing the word "Noting" with the word "Notes".

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/50/L.37, as orally revised (see para. 27, draft decision I).

F. Draft resolutions A/C.2/50/L.14 and A/C.2/50/L.64

21. At the 32nd meeting, on 14 November, the representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/50/L.14) entitled "Communication for development". Subsequently, Kyrgyzstan joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled 'Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system', 6/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report, 7/

6/ A/50/126-E/1995/20, annex.

7/ A/50/126/Add.1-E/1995/20/Add.1, annex.

"Noting the need for the improvement of development communication within the United Nations system to ensure effective inter-agency coordination and cooperation,

"Recognizing the pivotal role of communication in the successful implementation of development programmes within the United Nations system and in the improvement of the interaction among actors in development, namely, the organizations, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations,

"Recognizing also the crucial role of the regional commissions in the process of developing communication as an important tool for the development of developing countries,

"Recognizing further the need for transparent and system-wide communication coordination within the United Nations system in order to improve the planning, formulation and execution of development programmes to benefit the international community, in particular the developing countries,

"Aware of the need to intensify the efforts aimed at further reducing administrative and other related costs in various activities of organizations, agencies, funds and programmes within the United Nations system without adversely affecting the overall effectiveness of programme delivery as regards development programmes of the United Nations system as a development partner in the development of the developing countries,

"Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit will be preparing a separate study entitled 'A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system',

"1. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled 'Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system', 6/ and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report; 7/

"2. Recognizes the important role of development communication in enhancing the transparency of system-wide coordination within the United Nations system as a development partner for the development of the developing countries;

"3. Also recognizes the need to intensify work on development communication with a view to facilitating inter-agency cooperation and maximizing the impact of the development programmes of the entities concerned;

"4. Further recognizes the role of effective communication in disseminating the outcome and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and in ensuring the effective flow of such information to various non-governmental organizations, including grass-roots-level organizations;

"5. Regards the informal mechanism of the round-table conferences, which brings together communication experts for development and representatives of the entities of the United Nations including the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, as creating an appropriate forum for continuing to explore the appropriate use of communication in enhancing the role of the United Nations system as a development partner and, in this regard, also encourages, as appropriate, involvement of the various organizations, including the regional commissions;

"6. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to include development communication requirements of developing countries in its study entitled 'A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system';

"7. Emphasizes the need for the organization, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to develop a systematic approach to capacity-building in development communication, particularly with respect to training of fieldworkers and development workers and technicians as well as communication planners and specialists, especially in the developing countries;

"8. Invites organizations, agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system as well as Governments and the regional commissions to identify focal points for the purpose of facilitating dialogue and exchange of information on development communication so as to strengthen coordination and international cooperation in this area;

"9. Calls upon the donor community to provide adequate resources to support and expand development communication activities, particularly development communication initiatives for developing countries and, in this regard, also encourages the use of appropriate funding modalities and mechanisms within the context of international cooperation;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with this agency's mandate in the field of communication, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution."

22. At the 42nd meeting, on 8 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Max Stadthagen (Nicaragua), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/50/L.64) entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.14. In introducing the draft, he orally revised it by deleting from operative paragraph 7 the words "Takes note of decision 5.3 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, adopted at its one hundred thirty-ninth session, in which the Board requested the Joint Inspection Unit to prepare a study entitled 'A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system'", and moving the rest of the paragraph, "and, in this context, invites

the Joint Inspection Unit to take into consideration the requirements of developing countries", to the end of operative paragraph 1.

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.64, as orally revised (see para. 26, draft resolution V).

24. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.64, draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

G. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

25. At its 42nd meeting, on 8 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the documents under the item on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 27, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

26. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Water supply and sanitation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/18 of 10 November 1980, by which it proclaimed the period 1981-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade,

Recalling also its resolution 45/181 of 21 December 1990, in which it expressed its deep concern about the slow rate of progress in the provision of services in water and sanitation,

Recalling further its resolution 47/193 of 22 December 1992, in which it declared 22 March of each year World Day for Water,

Bearing in mind that the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris from 3 to 14 September 1990, the World Summit for Children, held in New York on 29 and 30 September 1990, the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, reiterated the need to provide, on a sustainable basis, access to safe water in sufficient quantities and proper sanitation for all,

Deeply concerned that at the current rate of progress the provision of drinking water will be insufficient to satisfy the needs of a very large number of people by the year 2000 and that the lack of progress in the provision of basic sanitation services is likely to have dramatic environmental and health consequences in the near future,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the first half of the 1990s; 8/

2. Takes note of the programme strategies in water and environmental sanitation adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund at its annual session for 1995 9/ and of resolution AFR/RC 43/R2 of the Regional Committee for Africa of the World Health Organization, in which the Committee endorsed the Africa 2000 initiative for water supply and sanitation in Africa;

3. Calls upon Governments to implement fully the provisions concerning water resources in general and water supply and sanitation in particular contained in chapter 18 of Agenda 21, 10/ and the recommendations made by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its second and third sessions, 11/ including the recommendations for action contained in the Action Programme of the Ministerial Conference on Drinking Water and Environmental Sanitation convened by the Government of the Netherlands on 22 and 23 March 1994, 12/ in particular:

(a) To develop, review or revise by 1997 and implement, in the context of a national sustainable development strategy consistent with Agenda 21, measures for drinking water supply and environmental sanitation, taking into account the goals set by the World Summit for Children;

(b) To undertake, as appropriate, legal, regulatory and institutional reforms designed to bring about the management of water resources at the lowest appropriate level, including stakeholder participation and the involvement of the private sector, and to adopt strategies for capacity-building;

8/ A/50/213-E/1995/87.

9/ See E/1995/L.23, sect. IV, decision 1995/22.

10/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

11/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 13 (E/1994/33/Rev.1); and ibid., 1995, Supplement No. 12 (E/1995/32).

12/ See E/CN.17/1994/12, annex.

(c) To assign high priority to programmes designed to provide basic sanitation and excreta disposal systems to urban and rural areas and to the treatment of waste waters, with provisions for community involvement;

(d) To formulate and implement investment strategies and cost-recovery policies aimed at generating a flow of financial resources commensurate with needs, taking into account the needs and conditions of the peri-urban and rural poor;

(e) To establish or strengthen a nationwide water and sanitation monitoring system, making full use, as appropriate, of the information support system developed by the Joint Monitoring Programme of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund;

4. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant organizations to intensify their efforts concerning financial and technical support for developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

5. Urges donor Governments, multilateral financial and development institutions and non-governmental organizations to give favourable and appropriate consideration to requests for grants and concessional financing, particularly with regard to environmental sanitation and sewerage and to waste-water treatment projects, which are intended to implement programmes consistent with the provisions and recommendations referred to in paragraph 3 of the present resolution;

6. Decides to review at its fifty-fifth session the situation at the end of the 1990s and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to it, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council, containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries, including proposals for action for the ensuing decade at the national and international levels.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1997-1998

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme was to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Noting that the Programme was reviewed by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme at its thirty-seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/3 of 13 July 1995 and the comments of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, 13/

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as implemented by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

1. Establishes for the period 1997-1998 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of $1.3 billion;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and appropriate donor organizations to make every effort to ensure that the target is fully attained;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters in 1996.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 49/135 of 19 December 1994,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/34 of 29 July 1994 and 1995/63 of 28 July 1995,

Gravely concerned by the fact that malaria causes the death of four million people annually, that hundreds of millions of cases of malaria are reported annually and that infants and children under age five are the major victims,

Alarmed by the loss of human life, the severe degradation in the quality of life and the fact that the social and economic development of developing countries is impeded as a result of malaria, and despite the development of new vaccines,

Recalling the agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council on the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and

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13/ See E/1995/96.

intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera, 14/

Acknowledging the importance for countries where malaria is endemic of adopting national plans of action in conformity with the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization, 15/ endorsed by the Ministerial Conference on Malaria held at Amsterdam in 1992 and by the World Health Assembly in 1993,

1. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa; 16/

2. Reaffirms its endorsement of the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization, as adopted;

3. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the World Health Organization and the specialized agencies concerned in assisting the developing countries in their efforts to combat endemic diseases;

4. Notes with appreciation the continuing efforts of the affected countries to control the disease, in spite of their meagre resources, through national plans and projects, and urges the affected countries that have not yet done so to adopt national plans to control malaria in conformity with the Global Malaria Control Strategy of the World Health Organization;

5. Stresses the need for strengthening national capacity-building within the context of primary health care so as to enable developing countries to meet the objectives of the Global Malaria Control Strategy, with a view to contributing to the development of overall health;

6. Endorses the strategies and work plans that have been developed through a collaborative process involving relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, with the World Health Organization as task coordinator, to provide optimal support to affected developing countries in order to achieve the goals and objectives pertaining to the prevention and control of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases;

7. Calls upon the international community, in particular the donor countries, to expand, where possible, fund-raising channels and to provide adequate financial resources and medical and technical assistance to the affected developing countries, in particular African countries and least developed countries, for the successful implementation of work plans and

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14/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1), chap. III, sect. B.

15/ World Health Organization, A Global Strategy for Malaria Control (Geneva, 1993).

16/ A/50/180-E/1995/63.

projects and the achievement of significant progress in both the short and the medium term in controlling malaria, and to intensify basic and applied research on anti-malarial vaccines as a priority;

8. Encourages the Director-General of the World Health Organization, through the World Health Organization's Division of Control of Tropical Diseases, to continue his efforts to mobilize international organizations, multilateral financial institutions, the specialized agencies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations as well as other groups to provide the affected developing countries, in particular African countries, with technical, medical and financial resources and assistance commensurate with the needs set forth in those countries' national plans to control malaria;

9. Welcomes the proposal of the Secretary-General related to the struggle against malaria in Africa contained in his initiatives for Africa;

10. Welcomes with satisfaction the agreement signed between Dr. Manuel Elkin Patarroyo of Colombia and the World Health Organization, in May 1995, by which Dr. Patarroyo donated to the World Health Organization the licence of the patent rights and know-how related to the SPf66 anti-malarial vaccine developed by him, which constitutes an example of solidarity and effective South-South cooperation for development, and supports the request of the World Health Organization for the provision of additional resources for malaria research under the United Nations Development Programme/World Bank/World Health Organization Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in order to accomplish its goal of developing an effective vaccine for the control of malaria;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session the progress report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the strategies and work plans to be prepared in collaboration with the other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/49 of 28 July 1995,

Reaffirming the principle of the permanent sovereignty of people under foreign occupation over their national resources,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, affirming the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and recalling

Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 497 (1981) of 17 December 1981,

Recalling Security Council resolution 465 (1980) of 1 March 1980 and other resolutions affirming the applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, 17/ to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 904 (1994) of 18 March 1994, in which, among other things, the Council called upon Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to take and implement measures, including, inter alia, confiscation of arms, with the aim of preventing illegal acts of violence by Israeli settlers, and called for measures to be taken to guarantee the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians in the occupied territory,

Aware of the negative and grave economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan,

Welcoming the ongoing Middle East peace process started at Madrid, in particular the two implementation agreements embodied in the Agreement on the Gaza Strip and Jericho Area, 18/ of 4 May 1994, and the interim agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip of 28 September 1995,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 19/

2. Reaffirms that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied since 1967 are illegal and an obstacle to economic and social development;

3. Recognizes the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan;

4. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the occupied Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regards any infringement thereupon as illegal;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

17/ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973.

18/ A/49/180-S/1994/727, annex.

19/ A/50/262-E/1995/59.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system", 20/ and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report, 21/

Noting the need for the improvement of the development of communication capacities within the United Nations system to ensure effective inter-agency coordination and cooperation,

Recognizing the pivotal role of communication in the successful implementation of development programmes within the United Nations system and in the improvement of the interaction among actors in development, namely, the agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, Governments and non-governmental organizations,

Recognizing also that the regional commissions can play a role, where appropriate, in the development of communication capacities for the development of developing countries,

Recognizing further the need for transparent and system-wide communication coordination within the United Nations system in order to improve the planning, formulation and execution of development programmes to benefit the international community, in particular the developing countries,

Aware of the need to intensify the efforts aimed at further reducing administrative and other related costs in various activities of agencies, organizations, funds and programmes within the United Nations system and improving the effectiveness of programme delivery as regards development programmes of the United Nations system as a development partner in the development of the developing countries,

Noting that the Joint Inspection Unit will be preparing a separate study entitled "A review of telecommunications and related information technologies in the United Nations system",

1. Takes note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system" 20/ and of the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on that report, 21/ and, in this context, invites the Joint Inspection Unit to take into consideration the requirements of developing countries;

20/ A/50/126-E/1995/20, annex.

21/ A/50/126/Add.1-E/1995/20/Add.1, annex.

2. Recognizes the important role of communication for development programmes in the United Nations system in enhancing the transparency of system-wide coordination within the United Nations system, inter alia, for the development of the developing countries;

3. Invites the Committee on Information, in accordance with its mandate, and where appropriate, to consider this question at its forthcoming session;

4. Recognizes the need further to facilitate inter-agency cooperation and to maximize the impact of the development programmes of the entities concerned;

5. Also recognizes the role of effective communication in disseminating the outcome and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and in ensuring the effective flow of such information to various non-governmental organizations, including grass-roots-level organizations;

6. Encourages the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, as appropriate, to use informal mechanisms such as round-table conferences to improve communication for development programmes in the United Nations system;

7. Emphasizes the need for the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to develop a systematic approach to capacity-building in the development of communication capacities, particularly with respect to the training of field workers and development workers and technicians as well as communication planners and specialists, especially in the developing countries;

8. Invites the relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as Governments and the regional commissions, to consider identifying focal points for the purpose of facilitating dialogue in the exchange of information on communication on issues related to development so as to strengthen coordination and international cooperation in this area;

9. Invites all countries, in particular the donor community, to provide resources, as appropriate, to support initiatives on development of capacities for developing countries;

10. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in accordance with that agency's mandate in the field of communication and with the relevant resolution adopted at its last general conference, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution and on a biennial basis thereafter.

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27. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

United Nations Population Fund: institutional arrangements

The General Assembly:

(a) Notes Economic and Social Council decision 1995/231 of 13 July 1995, and decision 95/20 of 14 June 1995 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund;

(b) Endorses the agreement between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to designate Fund resident country directors as Fund representatives, on the understanding that the Fund would take measures to enhance cooperation with and active support for resident coordinators for operational activities of the United Nations, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992, and on the understanding that the agreement would not result in increased administrative expenditure for the Fund.

DRAFT DECISION II

Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Population Award (A/50/132);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the progress made in the implementation of the global AIDS strategy (A/50/175-E/1995/57);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the revision of the general regulations of the World Food Programme and reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (A/50/706).

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part III)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Basheer F. ZOUBI (Jordan)

I. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1996-1997

1. At the 44th meeting, on 13 December 1995, the representative of the Secretariat introduced and read out corrections to the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1996-1997 (A/C.2/50/L.65/Rev.1, annex).

2. During consideration of the draft programme of work, a question was raised by the representative of the Philippines, to which the representative of the Secretariat responded (see A/C.2/50/SR.44).

3. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1996-1997, as orally corrected, and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly for adoption (see para. 4, draft decision).

II. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

4. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/50/615 and addenda.

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DRAFT DECISION

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1996-1997

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1996-1997, as annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1996-1997 a/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

United Nations Population Award

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/49 and General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.13) c/

Preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.42)

Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.41) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185 and 49/92)

(c) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 49/93)

(d) Financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.56

(e) External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.75

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.64 on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.41/Rev.1)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.50)

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution 49/97)

Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution 49/100)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/102 on the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/103

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 49/106)

(d) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/108 on industrial development cooperation

(e) Cultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187, 44/238, 45/189, 46/157 and 49/105) c/

(f) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to the Conference, including the role of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.57)

(g) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.58 c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Commodities (General Assembly resolution 49/104)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.45) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.54 on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.54)

(b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the 1997 special session (resolution A/C.2/50/L.78)

(c) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework for the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.5) c/

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to enhance the programme and coordination capacity of the secretariat of the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.5)

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.47

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.33

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 49/124 c/

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 49/124)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.63)

Item 7. Agenda for development

(a) Agenda for development

No advance documentation expected.

(b) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General (resolution A/C.2/50/L.67)

Item 8. First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement the programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) and on action to be taken in preparation for the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.80)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on activities envisaged in support of the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.80) c/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1999-2000

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution 47/40) c/

World Food Summit

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.51) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

Financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of A/C.2/50/L.74 on the preparations for the convening of an international conference on the financing of development

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.76 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.18 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.59)

(b) Human settlements

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/180 and 43/181) c/

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.68

(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.72

(e) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and A/C.2/50/L.66)

(f) Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.70

(g) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.33)

Oral report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.69

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its fifth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.52 on desertification and drought

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.71

Item 5. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation — Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.16 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.48)

Item 6. Training and research

No advance documentation requested

Item 7. International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.12)

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1996.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1997 will be updated in 1996, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1996.